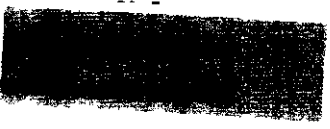


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Dear F. C. C. People,

We tried to telephone you, but were told we had to write since we are not computer literate!

We are deeply concerned about the way media concentration is going. It is surely not the democratic way ~~that~~ more & more of our sources of news are being concentrated in one place. At this rate we will soon have no idea of what the real news is.

Please do something to curtail this unfortunate situation.

Sincerely yours, Beverly K. Atwood

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May 8, 2003

The Honorable Michael J. Copps  
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Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

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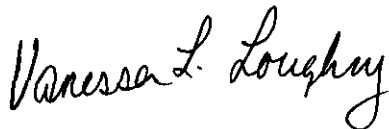
Dear Mr. Copps,

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

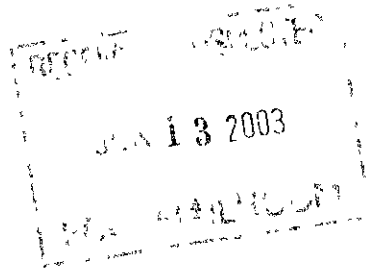
These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,



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Dear FCC

I would like to comment on Commissioner Michael Copp's concerns outlined in his speech at Stanford last month during the Media Ownership Forum. I share his opinion that the FCC is moving too quickly with a vote on 2 June to allow one corporation to own more than 35% of media vehicles in any U S market.

Allowing one person, or one company, or one corporation to own a significant portion of the print media, AM/FM radio stations, and television stations is definitely a way to eliminate varying points of view and accessibility for dissemination of information. One person or one company can corrupt the free flow of news, information, entertainment, or advertising in a large market if he/she/it owns and controls the bulk of the media. Simply because an individual or company has the money to buy media vehicles is not sufficient justification to allow those purchases to occur.

I urge Chairman Powell to solicit more public opinion regarding media ownership and for the commission to discuss the consequences of such oligarchies/monopolies that we currently see within some radio markets. We surely will lose diversity of opinion and access if a select few own the media market.

Thank you for listening to my comments.

Sincerely,

*Clifford J. Appel*